



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

December 2018 – The next regular MNS meeting will be held on December 20 15, 2018, 7 PM at our usual location in the Mayfair Mall Community Room, lower level. This is the annual officer election and Christmas party--pizza will be provided courtesy of the club, with members bringing an item to share.

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*The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.*

**December Coin of the Month:** This month we offer a 2001-S deep cameo Vermont quarter NGC certified deep cameo proof 68. You can have this super example for a starting bid of only \$10, a fraction of the certification cost. Bid high for this neat item.



## **December 2018 MNS President's Message**

There is not a whole lot to say for this year end wrap-up, so I am going to keep my message short and sweet. As we close the chapter on 2018 it is worth looking back on what a great year it was for our club. We succeeded in running yet another great coin show, hosted the Boy Scot Merit Badge Clinic, and enjoyed an amazing summer outing to the Medalcraft Mint in Green Bay. There is still so much more to anticipate when looking ahead to 2019. Early in the year we will hold the 1,000<sup>th</sup> regular membership meeting for MNS. There will undoubtedly be another summer outing to come, and we have two great local coin shows to look forward to in Chicago: Central States and the ANA shows!

The annual officer election will be conducted at the December meeting. The slate consists of the following nominees:

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| → President: Justin Perrault  | → Vice President: Jim Heinrich |
| → Treasurer: John Bleidorn    | → Secretary: James Kubley      |
| → Sgt. at Arms: Dave Herrewig | → Trustee '19-'21: Lee Hartz   |

In addition to the election, we will hold a short business meeting and spend most of the evening conducting show and tell, playing Bingo for various prizes, and of course enjoying plenty of pizza. If everyone could also bring a smaller dish to pass that would be much appreciated. We always seem to have plenty of food for our December meeting, and I'm sure this year will not be an exception.

With a new year comes a new calendar. Please take a look in the newsletter and consider helping out your club by suggesting a meeting program or volunteering to bring refreshments.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Happy Collecting,  
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### **Clive Blasing RIP**

We recently received word that longtime MNS member Clive Blasing passed away on February 20, 2018 at age 83. Clive was a resident of Genesee. Shortly after graduating from Waukesha High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves, and then requested a transfer to active duty during the Korean War, serving at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Kwajalein, and the Philippines. Following the War he joined the Waukesha Police Department as a deputy sheriff, serving for 22-½ years. The MNS extends sympathies to his surviving family and relatives.

### **Jerome Horzewski RIP**

South Shore Coin Club charter member and active collector Jerome "Jerry" Horzewski passed away on November 10, 2018 at the age of 85. He served the club in various capacities including president, secretary, and newsletter editor. He was also a long time member of the Moose Lodge and other organizations. The MNS extends sympathies to his extended surviving family and relatives.

# MN\$ 2018-19

## Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

## Monthly meeting programs

Dec 20:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections
Jan 17:	Officer Inductions
Feb 21:	OPEN
March 21:	OPEN
April 18:	OPEN
May 16:	Spring Auction
June 20:	OPEN
July 18:	No Meeting?
Aug 15:	Expanded Show and Tell
Sept 19:	OPEN
Oct 17:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Nov 21:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 19:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

## PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

## 2019 Numismatic Events

February 10:	Manitowoc Coin Show 3627 Hwy. CR, Manitowoc 9 AM-3 PM, free admission
February 17:	Wisconsin Coin Expo Oshkosh Convention Center 2 N. Main St. 9 AM-4 PM, free admission
March 3:	Rockford, IL Coin Show Forest Hill Lodge 1601 W. Lane Rd., Loves Park 9 AM-3 PM
March 16/17:	NOW Madison Coin Club Show Sheraton Hotel 706 John Nolan Dr., Madison 9 AM-4 PM
April 7:	Fox Valley Coin Show Darboy Club, Appleton N9695 County Rd. N 9 AM-4 PM, free admission
April 12-13:	SSCC Show, Crown Plaza 6401 S. 13 <sup>th</sup> St.
April 28:	NOW Nicolet Coin Club Show 1603 Holmgren Way, GB 9 AM-3 PM, free admission

## Refreshment Schedule

Dec:	Holiday Party
Jan:	OPEN
Feb:	OPEN
Mar:	OPEN
Apr:	OPEN
May:	OPEN
Jun:	OPEN
Jul:	NO MEETING?
Aug:	Justin P.
Sep:	OPEN
Oct:	OPEN

## Annual Dues

Dues for 2019 are \$10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886. Thanks to those who have paid.

# Milwaukee Numismatic Society

## Minutes

November 15, 2018

President Justin Perrault called the 995th meeting of the MNS to order at 7:07 pm. There were 21 members and no guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Dave H, Leon S, Scott B, James K, Neil S, Tom C, Lee H, Dave H, Kevin F, Justin P, Leon A, Peter J, Steve J.

**Coin of the Month:** Steve J won the coin of the month, 2005 S Silver Roosevelt Dime PF69 Ultra Cameo, with a winning bid of \$20.00.

**Treasurer's Report:** John B reported that October showed net receipts of \$161.00 and \$1858.48 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of -\$1697.48.

**Correspondence:** The ANA Numismatist and the CSNS Sentinel.

**Elections Slate:** All current board members but one Trustee are willing to run for their same position they held in 2018. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the board then please notify the election committee by the beginning of November. Since there are members on the board who have served two consecutive or more terms a motion was brought forward to allow them to run for a position on the board in 2019. The motion passed.

**Vice President Report:** The Club's holiday party is in December. If you plan on attending our December meeting then please consider bringing food and/or drinks to our holiday party. There are many openings for refreshments and programs in 2019.

**Membership Dues:** If you are not a life member, membership dues for 2019 are being accepted now. Dues are \$10.00 for 2019. Please keep up to date to continue receiving club benefits.

**Annual Banquet:** The Club's annual banquet was October 27, 2018 at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa. The guest speaker was Professor Amanda Seligman from the department of history at UWM.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter articles are always appreciated. Brief reminiscences of great circulation finds, local experiences, and etc. are appreciated additions.

**MNS Coin Show:** The coin show in October was a big success.

**Show & Tell:** Tom S - Tom S. - Milwaukee 1882 Brown Back National Notes / Robert M. - Apollo Design for 2019 & Apollo 1 Flite Line Medal @ Auction \$15,000.00.

**Auction:** The club held its second auction of the year. There were many interesting items members could bid on and win.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:41 pm by President Perrault.

**Respectfully submitted by James Kubley**

## 30 Years Later: Armenian Earthquake Commemoratives

By L. A. Saryan

December 7, 2018, marks the 30th anniversary of the earthquake which struck the cities of Gyumri, Spitak and Vanadzor in northern Armenia. The quake caused nearly total devastation in the affected area. An estimated 25,000 people lost their lives and hundreds of thousands were injured or left homeless. Relief poured in from around the world. The effects of this natural disaster still linger in the minds of the survivors. Here are a few numismatic mementos that were issued to mark the tragedy.



1989 Cu-Ni 3 ruble proof coin, 34 mm, USSR



1989 Silver onza medal, 40 mm, Germany



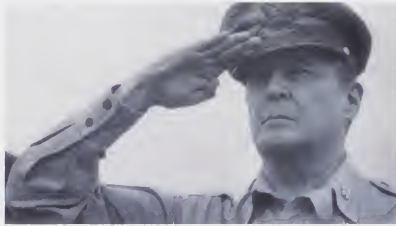
1989 Gold 1/10 onza medal, 18mm, Germany



Brass or bronze medal, 60 mm, Russia/Armenia

## **MacArthur Update: Where are they now?**

**By Bob Giese**



### **Five Star General Douglas MacArthur**

A couple of years ago there was a series on the MacArthurs entitled "Where are they now?" Each story ended with their final resting place, with one exception: Douglas MacArthur's son Arthur MacArthur IV. Not wanting to be hounded or compared by those who admired his father, Arthur changed his name, and his whereabouts are unknown. Today he would be 77 years old.

Since that series, a couple of newsworthy events have taken place. On June 3-7, 2014, Milwaukee celebrated the MacArthur family by having MacArthur Memorial Week. It was the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the General Douglas MacArthur statue in MacArthur Square, which had taken place on June 8, 1979. At that dedication Harry H Anderson gave the dedication speech. The statue was unveiled by the general's widow, Mrs. Jean MacArthur, and donated by Mrs. Erwin C. Uihlein, who donated the statue to the people of Milwaukee in memory of her husband. On June 7, 2014, the statue was rededicated at Veterans Park – not far from the War Memorial – a place where more people would be able to view it. Without a doubt a fitting tribute to a great man who was an advocate for the War Memorial.

The most exciting news is the possibility that Arthur IV may have been found. On March 2, 2014, some news articles appeared concerning a large Manhattan apartment development that had been stalled by four reclusive tenants who had been living for many years on the top floors of rent-controlled apartments in the Mayflower Hotel on Central Park West. One of the tenants dragged out the negotiations for a number of years and received \$17 million to leave his apartment plus \$2 million for a replacement apartment with a rental payment of \$1 per month until his death. One of the other reclusive tenants was reportedly Arthur MacArthur IV, but going by the name of David Jordan. He was paid \$650,000 to leave his apartment and has moved to Greenwich Village in lower Manhattan, where he still lives.

Is this really true? Stay tuned.

References: MacArthur Forum Magazine, New York News Bulletin



## A Visit to the Smithsonian

By Jordan Heller

From November 9 to 13, 2018, I took a trip to Washington, D.C. to conduct research for a paper I am writing about World War One memorials. Among the places I visited that hosted commemorative events for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day were the Washington National Cathedral and Pershing Park, which is just a block away from the White House and where the new National World War One Memorial will be installed in 2020. I also visited the Smithsonian Museum of American History to see its World War One exhibits, but my main purpose was to view its famed numismatics collection!

The Smithsonian Institution carries one of the world's largest numismatic collections, numbered at over 1.6 million individual objects. It is an incredibly wide-ranging collection, containing specimens from every inhabited continent ranging from Babylonian cuneiform tablets to modern credit card readers. There are two exhibitions that are open to the public at SMAH, *The Value of Money* and *Stories on Money*. Due to limited time available, I was only able to visit the *Value of Money* exhibit, but it was well worth my time.

Upon entering the exhibit, I walked through a massive combination safe door. This conjures up comparisons to a bank vault, which is highly intentional! When the museum is closed for the night, heavy bars are drawn across the door to prevent anyone from accessing the priceless collections inside. I wouldn't want to imagine the trouble you'd get into if you managed to sneak one of the rare coins on display out of the museum... The exhibit is protected by one security guard, who I was surprised to learn knew little about numismatics but was eager to listen to my stories about my own collecting experiences. A small tour group also entered the exhibit gallery shortly after my arrival, and the knowledgeable tour guide directed their attention to perhaps the most famous coin to have ever been minted.

I knew that the Smithsonian Museum of American History had it on display prior to my visit, but nothing could have prepared me for the experience of gazing upon the 1933 \$20 Saint-Gaudens gold Double Eagle. For a diehard coin collector like myself, it was almost akin to a pilgrimage to see the Holy Grail of numismatics. The story behind the coin is legendary: after Franklin Roosevelt became President in 1933, he signed an order banning the possession of gold bullion by individuals in order to stabilize the national economy. Of the 445,500 Double Eagles minted in 1933, only 20 of the 1933 editions escaped repossession by the Secret Service. No more than 40 are known to exist today. Of these, two are held by the Smithsonian, due to the generosity of a Treasury employee. However, one of these coins found its way into the hands of King Farouk of Egypt, who once owned one of the world's largest private coin collections (over 8,500 pieces!) After he was deposed in a *coup d'état* in 1956, the coin somehow disappeared until it was recovered in 1996. The coin was found to have been illegally obtained by a British collector, and the Treasury Department struck a deal to reclaim and remonetize the coin. The Farouk Double Eagle was then transferred to the treasury vaults of the World Trade Center in New York City in July 2001—two months before the 9/11 attacks. The coin was then transferred to Fort Knox, along with the other double eagles known to exist, until it was purchased by an anonymous private collector through a Sotheby's auction in 2002. The coin eventually sold for \$7,590,000—plus a \$20 fee to remonetize it! With all this history behind one coin, you can understand my excitement to finally see it in person!

The rest of the *Value of Money* exhibit was engaging and intriguing as well. It contains everything from a Chinese coin sword to a Yap Island rai stone coin to a clam shell issued by a bank for \$1 during the Great Depression! Another rarity on display is a 1974 aluminum cent—one of the few to survive testing and disposal from the Mint. Coins from around the world in all shapes, sizes, and metallic composition are behind glass from the most avid numismatist to the casual visitor to enjoy. Paper money is also represented, including the latest polymer banknotes from countries like Israel and Zambia. There is also a small mention of Bitcoin on display—although cold, hard cash is the focus of the Smithsonian's curatorial interest!

Even though I was only able to visit one of the SMAH's exhibits on currency, I enjoyed the experience greatly. For anyone else interested in coin collecting, it is well worth the trip to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to see some of the rarest and most beautiful coins in existence. You might find a coin or banknote you had never heard of before in your life!

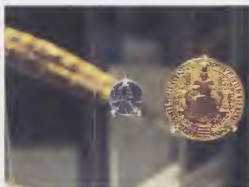
# Scenes from the Smithsonian by Jordan Heller



The vault



1933 US Double Eagle



1974 Aluminum Cent



\$50 Gold Union

